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SUBJ: GRAND TURK ISLAND WATER SHORTAGE

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM NAVFAC GRAND TURK TO COMOCEANSYSLANT  
NORFOLK VA INFO COMNAVFORCARIB ROOSEVELT ROADS PR AMEMBASSY  
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POTABLE WATER

1. THE POTABLE WATER SITUATION ON GRAND TURK ISLAND IS PRESENTLY  
SERIOUS AND WILL REACH A CRITICAL STAGE IN APPROX 5 WEEKS  
UNLESS SIGNIFICANT RAINFALL OCCURS. WATER SUPPLIES CONTROLLED  
BY THE LOCAL GOV FOR PUBLIC USE WILL LAST APPROX  
5 WEEKS IF WATER RATIONING AT THE RATE OF ONE (1) GAL PER PERSON  
PER DAY IS IMPLEMENTED. SOME HOMES HAVE PRIVATE STORAGE TANKS,  
HOWEVER THE MAJORITY OF RESIDENTS ARE DEPENDENT ON GOV SUPPLIED  
WATER.
2. USAF AUX AFB GRAND TURK DESAL PLANT OUTPUT AND ON HAND RESERVES  
ARE NOT ADEQUATE TO MEET AFB NEEDS AND SUPPLY LOCAL COMMUNITY.
3. NAVFAC WATER STATUS: 740K GAL  
POTABLE WATER ON HAND; NO DESAL CAPABILITY. WITH STRICT WATER  
RATIONING IT IS POSSIBLE THAT EXISTING WATER CAN BE MADE TO LAST

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UNTIL 1 OCT 77, THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT ANTICIPATED PERIOD  
OF MAJOR RAINFALL.

4. THE GOV OF THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS HAS NOT YET REQUESTED  
NAVY ASSISTANCE, HOWEVER FREQUENT INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN MADE AS TO  
STATUS OF NAVY WATER RESERVES AND IT IS EXPECTED THE REQUESTS  
FOR ASSISTANCE WILL BE FORTHCOMING. WILL KEEP ALCON INFORMED AS  
SITUATION DEVELOPS. UNQUOTE

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